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FULBRIGHT'S PANEL indefinitely delayed plans for public hearings on Vietnam.

The Arkansas Democrat said the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will seek additional word on President Nixon's policy to cut back American involvement before deciding on public hearings. Fulbright said he hopes the panel can go "much deeper into the rationale of the President's speech" to the nation on Vietnam last Monday. Secretary of State Rogers and Defense Secretary Laird will be asked to testify the week of Nov. 17 in closed sessions instead of public meetings as planned.

Fulbright said open hearings now might "contribute to the inflammation of the public mind" and implied the month's anti-war march on Washington is a factor.